## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 FAX (916) 323-3018 FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation Northern Service Center One Capitol Mall, Suite 410 Sacramento, CA 95814

PROJECT TITLE: Statewide Entrance Monument Sign Installation

LOCATION: Empire Mine State Historic Park, Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park, Mono Lake State Natural Reserve,

South Yuba River State Park

**COUNTY:** Nevada, Mono

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Install new, or replace existing entrance signs at Empire Mine State Historic Park, Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park, Mono Lake State Natural Reserve and South Yuba River State Park, to provide consistent signage and help visitors navigate easier into the State Parks. Work will remove the old signs, posts and footings. Installation of new signs will require excavating 2-18" diameter posts holes up to 58" deep for each sign. Signs will be up to 4" x 7" in size, single or double-sided laminate branding sign mounted on 2-6" x 6" wood posts.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Acquisition and Development

**EXEMPT STATUS:** 

□ Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 3, 4 and 11

Section: 15301, 15303, 15304, 15311

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of minor alteration of existing public facilities involving no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determinations; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small structures; minor public alterations in the condition of land and vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; construction or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing facilities; included as "Installation of signs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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